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SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GC: MASS MEDIA DNG WORKING GROUP

1. CHAIRMAN PARTASARATHI, INDIA, CALLED ANOTHER MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MASS MEDIA FOR AFTERNOON THURSDAY. HE BEGAN MEETING BY ASKING MR. GARBO TO COMMENT ON THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF HIS TEXT WHICH HAD OCCURED AT THE LAST MEETING. GARBO REPLIED IN SWEEPING GENERALITIES EXPLAINING HOW HE ARRIVED AT CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS AND WHY HE DELETED CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS FROM THE DECEMBER TEXT. GARBO'S RESPONSES WERE DIRECTED MAINLY AT THE BYELORUSSIAN WHO HAD CRITICIZED THE DELETION OF PARAGRAPHS FROM THE DECEMBER DRAFT.

2. FOLLOWING THAT, THE CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE GARBO TEXT. THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE GROUP WILLING TO DISCUSS THE TEXT WAS THE BYELORUSSIAN WHO CONTINUED TO INSIST VEHEMENTLY THAT WE MUST HAVE A TEXT AT THIS GEN. CONF. THE NIGERIAN GENERALLY
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SUPPORTED THIS VIEW BUT ID NOT GO INTO A DISCUSSION OF

THE TEXT. FORTUNATELY, KUWAIT AND CUBA WERE ABSENT. DEPIE THE OBVIOUS RELUCTANCE OF A MAJORITY NOT TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE, THE CHAIRMAN CONTINUED TO PERSIST IN ASKING FOR COMMENTS ON THE TEXT.

3. US INTERVENED, POINTING OUT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND IN ANY CASE WE DOUBTED IF WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF THE GARBO TEXT.

4. MUNOZ OF COLUMBIA ALSO REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE TEXT AND PROPOSED THAT THE GROUP CONSIDER DISCUSSING PROCEDURE. GARBO THEN INTERVENED AND SAID THAT SINCE THERE APPEARED TO BE AN IMPASS ON HIS DRAFT, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO TALK ABOUT PROCEDURES. SIENE OF SENEGAL STATED THAT HE HAD HOPED TO DISCUSS THE TEXT. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THERE WAS A DEADLOCK PERHAPS WE SHOULD REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE FULL DNG.

5. FRANCE, WHO HAD BEEN ABSENT, THEN ARRIVED AND ALSO JOINED IN AGAINST DISCUSSION OF THE TEXT, CLAIMING LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, AMB. VALERY DID EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE TEXT ASSUMING HIS INTRUCTIONS PERMITTED.

6. THE BYELORUSSIAN CONTINUED TO INTERVENE AND PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE GARBO TEXT AND THE DEC. DRAFT. HE ASKED THAT A TIME LIMIT BE FIXED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GARBO TEXT. DIENE OBJECTED TO THIS AS BEING UNREASONABLE. WE ALSO INTERVENED TO STATE THAT WE COULD NOT BE FORCED INTO CONSIDERING A TEXT AND IF WE WERE REALLY INTERESTED IN A CONSENSUS NO ONE SHOULD SEEK TO IMPOSE SUCH A REQUIREMENT. WE ALSO SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF DISCUSSING PROCEDURES, SAYING WE WERE READY AND WILLING TO GO INTO SUCH A DISCUSSION AS IT APPEARED WE WERE NOW DEADLOCKED.

7. THE CHAIRMAN THEN AGAIN INTERVENED EXPRESSING HIS DESIRE FOR A DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE WITH THE VIEW TO COMING UP WITH A TEXT. THE NIGERIAN ALSO SAID HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE MERTIS OF THE GARBO TEXT AND THAT WE WOULD BE FAILING OUR MANDATE IF CONFIDENTIAL

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WE DID NOT.

8. DIENE CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT WE REPORT BACK TO THE FULL DNG LISTING THREE POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION: (A) WORK OVER THE GARBO TEXT WITH A VIEW TO COMING UP WITH A DRAFT; (B) PREPARE A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD GIVE THE DGN INSTRUCTIONS TO PUT THE MATTER OVER TO THE 20TH GC; (C) GO BACK TO THE DEC. DRAFT AND CONSIDER IT.

9. FRANCE THEN SUPPORTED DIENE.

10. THE CHAIRMAN CONTINUED TO PROTEST, STATING THAT AS OF NOW WE REALLY HAD NOT DISCUSSED ANYTHING AND HE COULD NOT REPORT BACK A TOTAL LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, THE CHAIRMAN FINALLY AGREED TO REPORT BACK NO PROGRESS TO THE FULL DGN TOMORROW MORNING AND ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FULL GROUP. THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.

11. COMMENT: THE STUMBLING BLOCK IS DEFINITELY THE CHAIRMAN WHO SEEMS TO BE LEANING OVER BACKWARDS TO TRY AND GET A TEXT. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS HE IS EVASIVE, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITS THE LACK OF PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS. IN THE MEETING HE HOLDS ABSOLUTELY FIRM TO THE LINE THAT WE NEED A DRAFT NOW. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE SO FAR AVOIDED ANY DISCUSSION OF EITHER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DEC. TEXT OR THE GARBO DRAFT. THE MEETING TOMORROW WILL LAST ALL DAY AS THE FULL DGN WILL CONSIDER ALL ITEMS BEFORE IT. NOTE, IT IS COMING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE JERUSALEM DEBATE AND PROBABLY THE TUNISIAN DR WHICH MAY FOLLOW JERUSALEM. THE INFORMATION GROUP MET LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND WE RAISED THE MASS MEDIA ITEM. WE REPORTED ON THE GARBO TEXT (GARBO WAS NOT THERE), BUT WE DID NOT DISTRIBUTE COPIES SINCE GARBO WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AS DOCUMENTS OF THE DNG ARE SUPPOSED TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE DID, HOWEVER, PASS COPIES TO THE CANADIANS AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. AT THE INFO GROUP WE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST DISCUSSING ANY DRAFT TEXT. THE ITALIANS AND FRENCH SEEMS LESS HARD LINE. THE ITALIANS WANTED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ALTERNATE PROCEDURES AND THE FRENCH WANT TO BE AS CONCILIATORY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY CANADA AND FRG STUCK TO THE HARD LINE AND THE CONSENSUS WAS FOR THOSE OF US CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE DNG TO REMAIN FIRM. WE EXPECT A DIFFICULT MEETING TOMORROW, BUT INTEND TO STICK TO OUR POSITION.
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